



Terwilliger Fire Update

Southern Cascades Interagency Incident Management Team
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October 5, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.
Public Information Phone: (541) 822-8216 Available 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Special Announcements:

The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30th, 2018 by the Willamette National Forest remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. It is entirely within Lane County Oregon and does not impact Oregon State Highway 126. Public and firefighter safety remains the priority.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards, including rocks, debris and fire-weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 and continues south to Box Canyon.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF-protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.

Acreage: Estimated 11,555 **Completion:** 80% **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

Resources: Total: 176: 3 type 2 IA hand crews, 1 light-lift helicopter, 6 engines, 1 dozer, 4 water tender, 2 ambulances, and 14 heavy equipment. Replacement personnel are arriving as others time out to ensure proper staffing for operations.

Current Fire Information: Fire suppression activity continues in a few localized areas. The newest infrared flight information shows the addition of 100 acres, bringing the total fire area size to 11,555 acres. New burning is primarily calculated within the interior of the fire area and along the eastern edge, within the wilderness.

Work on hazard tree mitigation and removal is ongoing. Crews are removing debris from roads, and fire weakened trees along hillsides. Heavy equipment, graders, and scalers are working along FR 19 and FR 500. Rock and debris is being removed and trucked off site. With rain in the forecast, effort is being made to repair ditches and complete chipping operations. Rain and unstable slopes will continue to be the principle hazards over the weekend and into next week.

Weather: A storm system is anticipated to move through the fire area this weekend, bringing up to an inch of rain, and wind gusts up to 15 mph out of the southeast. On Monday, the chance of rain will decrease. Temperatures are forecast to range from a low of 41 degrees at night to a high of 56 degrees during the day.

Closures: Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7>

Information Resources:

Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/> **Email:** terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com



